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1. HIGHLIGHTS. MAYAGUEZ FEATURED TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY; WEDNESDAY NYTIMES FRONTPAGED KISSINGER BACKS RAW MATERIALS PARLEY. SOME EDITORIALS ON DEFENSE BUDGET. TUESDAY PAPERS INSIDE REPORTED KISSINGER SEES DANGER TO

SOVIET DETENTE; WEDNESDAY PAPERS REPORTED KISSINGER FIRMER ON DETENTE; THURSDAY PAPERS REPORT GROMYKO CHIDES KISSINGER.

1A. MANY PHOTOS AND STORIES THIS WEEK ON RUSS SAILORS IN BOSTON AND RUSSIANS VISITING US SHIPS IN LENINGRAD, SOMETIMES ON FRONT PAGE; TODAY'S C.S. MONITOR HAS EDITORIAL, WELCOME RUSSIANS. TUESDAY WASHPOST SQUIB SAID TASS CHARGED UPCOMING NATO EXERCISE IS INTENDED TO INTIMIDATE GREECE FOLLOWING HER WITHDRAWAL FROM ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN NATO. WEDNESDAY WASHSTAR REPORTED ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY WARNED NAVY LEAGUE OF SOVIET GAINS AT SEA. THURSDAY WASHPOST HEADS LOCAL REUTER, SCIENTISTS URGED TO BOYCOTT MEETING, REUTER SAYING AMERICAN FEDERATION OF SCIENTISTS

HAS ASKED AMERICAN SCIENTISTS TO BOYCOTT WORLD SCIENTIFIC MEETING ON ROLE OF SCIENTISTS IN WORLD DISARMAMENT IN MOSCOW IN JULY TO PROTEST SOVIET TREATMENT OF SAKHAROV AND REFUSAL TO LET HIS WIFE GO TO ITALY FOR AN EYE OPERATION.

1B. MONDAY WASHSTAR REPORTED 6 HOUSE DEMOCRATS ASK DEFENSE CUTS. TUESDAY WASHPOST ITEM SAID 56 HOUSE DEMOCRATS, IN WAKE OF INDOCHINA REVERSES, ISSUED A STATEMENT REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR AMERICA'S ALLIES ABROAD. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST BRIEF REPORTED INDIA IS PLANNING NEW NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTS; POST ALSO HAD STORY FROM MADRID, SPAIN STIFFENS STAND ON BASES. THURSDAY WASHPOST LOCAL REPORTS COURT ARGUMENTS ON TRIDENT BASE; THURSDAY PAPERS ALSO REPORT LARGEST NUCLEAR TEST IN NEARLY TWO YEARS IN NEVADA, AT LEAST TEN TIMES AS POWERFUL AS HIROSHIMA'S.

2. KISSINGER. TUESDAY NYTIMES WASHINGTON SPECIAL REPORTED THAT KISSINGER IN ST. LOUIS SPEECH, EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT COMMUNIST TAKEOVERS IN CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE APPARENT COLLAPSE OF THE ANTI-UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMUNISTS IN LAOS MIGHT LEAD TO SOVIET EXPANSIONISM IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, QUOTING KISSINGER: THE EXPANSION OF SOVIET MILITARY POWER AND ITS EXTENSION AROUND THE WORLD IS A SERIOUS CONCERN TO US; THE WILLINGNESS OF THE SOVIET UNION TO EXPLOIT STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES--EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED THEMSELVES MORE OR LESS SPONTANEOUSLY AND NOT AS A RESULT OF SOVIET ACTION--CONSTITUTES A HEAVY MORTGAGE ON DETENTE.

2A. TUESDAY WASHPOST BERGER WASHINGTON STRESSED KISSINGER WARNED THAT MOSCOW'S READINESS TO EXPLOIT STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES IS A HEAVY MORTGAGE ON DETENTE AND JEOPARDIZES NEW TRENDS IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS,

BERGER QUOTING KISSINGER: THE US IS DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN THE HOPEFUL NEW TRENDS IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF REALISM AND RECIPROCITY; BUT IT IS EQUALLY DETERMINED TO RESIST PRESSURES OR THE EXPLOITATION OF LOCAL CONFLICT. BERGER SAID KISSINGER'S STATEMENT THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS OUR ALLIES AND FRIENDS OUR FIRST PRIORITY CONSTITUTES A SHIFT IN EMPHASIS FROM NIXON'S ATTENTION TO REPAIRING RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION AND CHINA, BERGER NOTING KISSINGER'S STRONG LANGUAGE AGAINST SOVIET ACTIONS IN MIDEAST, PORTUGAL, INDOCHINA. BERGER QUOTED KISSINGER SAYING THAT WITH SOVIET UNION OUR FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS THE IMPERATIVE OF AVOIDING THERMONUCLEAR WAR AND HIS STATEMENT

PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN LIMITING ARMAMENTS, DEVELOPING COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC-CULTURAL FIELDS, AND TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A STABLE POLITICAL AND MILITARY BALANCE IN EUROPE, BUT THE RECORD WAS NOT AS GOOD IN THE QUEST FOR STABILITY IN OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD.

2B. TUESDAY BALTSUN MILLS WASHINGTON STRESSED KISSINGER, POUNDING HOME A NOW-FAMILIAR THEME, SAID TOO MUCH DEPENDS ON THIS COUNTRY TO ALLOW US THE LUXURY OF RETREAT, ADDING: THOUGH WE ARE NO LONGER PREDOMINANT WE ARE IN-ESCAPABLY A LEADER; IF AMERICA WITHDRAWS FROM THE WORLD WE WILL SURELY FIND OURSELVES IN A PERIOD OF CHAOS AND PERIL.

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2C. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES GELB WASHINGTON SAID KISSINGER WAS GIVING SPEECHES IN AN ATTEMPT TO FILL A POLICY VACUUM LEFT BY THE SETBACKS IN INDOCHINA AND TO SHORE UP HIS POLITICAL POSITION IN WASHINGTON, WITH ONE SPEECH INDICATING HE WAS TAKING A TOUGHER LINE ON DETENTE TO REESTABLISH CLOSER TIES WITH ALLIES, GELB ADDING KISSINGER IS NOTING IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO PURSUE BETTER RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW AND AT SAME TIME KEEP ALLIANCES TOGETHER. GELB SAID IF KISSINGER ACTS TO GIVE PRIORITY TO OUR ALLIES, THIS WILL MARK A SHIFT IN POLICY THAT HAS LONG CENTERED ON SOVIET-US RELATIONS. ACCORDING TO ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, SAID GELB, KISSINGER'S TOUGHER STANCE SIGNALS MOSCOW THAT THE FORD ADMINISTRATION IS GOING TO EXPECT MORE QUOTE GIVE UNQUOTE FROM SOVIET LEADERS IN A WHOLE RANGE OF NEGOTIATIONS: MIDEAST, SALT, CSCE, AND MBFR, WHICH HE WILL DISCUSS WITH GROMYKO NEXT WEEK IN VIENNA.

3. GROMYKO. THURSDAY WASHPOST WORLD ROUNDUP INCLUDES ITEM FROM MOSCOW STRESSING GROMYKO SHARPLY CRITICIZED KISSINGER FOR SUPPORTING INCREASED AMERICAN MILITARY SPENDING WHILE CLAIMING TO BE COMMITTED TO A POLICY OF

DETENTE, POST'S OSNOS SAYING GROMYKO'S ATTACK CAME IN AN APPARENT ASIDE DURING A WIDE-RANGE FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH AND ADDING THAT SOVIET LEADERS HAVE ONLY RARELY CRITICIZED KISSINGER BY NAME, THIS CAUSING DIPLOMATS TO WONDER WHETHER SECSTATE IS LOSING FAVOR IN THE KREMLIN.

3A. THURSDAY BALTSUN MOSCOW SPECIAL REPORTS GROMYKO ATTACKED KISSINGER FOR HIS POLICY OF A TOUGHER DETENTE IN A HARD-HITTING SPEECH, AND ALSO CRITICIZED HIS MIDEAST EFFORTS AS A STEP-BY-STEP MOVEMENT AWAY FROM A SETTLEMENT AND WARNED AGAINST ANY RESUMPTION OF THE MEDIATION EFFORT. ACCORDING SPECIAL, GROMYKO SAID SOVIET UNION IS

ANXIOUS FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN US RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY A NEW SALT AGREEMENT BUT STRESSED MOSCOW WILL NOT COMPROMISE ITS PRINCIPLE FOR PASSING, TEMPORARY INTERESTS AND WILL REMAIN LOYAL TO WARSAW PACT ALLIES AND TO ITS COMMITMENTS IN MIDEAST, INDOCHINA, LATIN AMERICA. GROMYKO REFERRED TO ST. LOUIS SPEECH, SAYING THOSE TWO UNCLASSIFIED

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THINGS--A SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE TOWARD DETENTE AND AN INCREASE IN MILITARY BUDGETS--JUST DO NOT GO TOGETHER. SPECIAL SAID IT WAS AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO CONGRESSIONAL EFFORTS TO INCREASE JEWISH EMIGRATION THAT GROMYKO SAID SOVIET UNION WILL NEVER SACRIFICE SOVEREIGNTY AND DIGNITY TO TEMPORARY INTERESTS.

3B. THURSDAY NYTIMES WREN MOSCOW STRESSES GROMYKO REBUKED KISSINGER FOR HAVING DEFENDED AN INCREASED AMERICAN MILITARY BUDGET WHILE ADVOCATING RELAXATION OF TENSION BETWEEN US AND SOVIET UNION. WREN REPORTS WESTERN DIPLOMATS WERE PUZZLED BY GROMYKO'S STATEMENTS FIVE DAYS BEFORE THEIR MEETING MAKING THEIR EXPECTED DISCUSSION OF ARMS REDUCTION AND OTHER ISSUES MORE DIFFICULT, IT BEING SUGGESTED THAT GROMYKO WAS ARTICULATING SOME OF THE

KREMLIN'S DISSATISFACTION WITH THE REPORTED DEADLOCK AT SALT, OR HE MAY HAVE BEEN VENTING HIS EMOTIONS OVER AMERICAN SINKING OF THREE CAMBODIAN GUNBOATS.

4. DEFENSE BUDGET COMMENT. SIX EDITORIALS HAVE BEEN NOTED SINCE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE MADE A MODERATE CUT LAST WEEK: FOUR SAYING THIS IS NO TIME TO SIGNAL RETREAT ON PART OF US, HENCE AGREEING WITH COMMITTEE WE SHOULD MAINTAIN A SIZEABLE DEFENSE BUDGET (BALTIMORE SUN MAY 13, DETROIT FREE PRESS MAY 7, WALL STREET JOURNAL MAY 13, AND NYTIMES MAY 9 REPORTED EARLIER); AND TWO PAPERS CONTINUING THEIR OPPOSITION TO SUCH A LARGE MILITARY BUDGET (ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH MAY 8, NYPOST MAY 10). AT THE SAME TIME, THREE OF THE FOUR PAPERS WHICH WARN AGAINST UNDUE CUTS NEVERTHELESS

DO CALL FOR REDUCED AMOUNTS FOR SUCH NEW WEAPONS AS THE B-1 BOMBER (BALSUN, NYTIMES, DETROIT FREE PRESS); THUS MAKING A TOTAL OF FIVE OUT OF THESE SIX PAPERS ASKING REDUCTIONS IN EXPENDITURE NOW ON NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS.

5. OTHER COMMENT. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES EDITORIAL STRESSES NEED TO HALT NUCLEAR SPREAD, URGES MORE RATIFICATIONS OF NPT AND MEANWHILE CONCERTED ACTION BY SUPPLIER NATIONS TO WITHHOLD CRITICAL EQUIPMENT AND TIGHTEN SAFEGUARDS OVER THE SALES OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS TO NPT SIGNATORIES, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND NO SALES AT ALL SHOULD BE MADE TO NON-TREATY

COUNTRIES THAT FAIL TO ACCEPT TIGHTER SAFEGUARDS.

5A. LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL EDITORIAL MAY 5 SAID PESSIMISTS MAY FEEL IT IS ALREADY TOO LATE TO PREVENT SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO A DOZEN MORE COUNTRIES BUT TOO MUCH IS AT STAKE FOR AN ATTEMPT NOT TO BE MADE. US AT GENEVA COULD COMMIT ITSELF TO A MORE VIGOROUS APPLICATION OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN AN EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN THE TREATY AND EVERY MEANS OF BROADENING THE PARTICIPATION AND ENFORCING THE TREATY'S PROVISIONS MUST BE USED.

5B. MAY 6 KANSAS CITY STAR HAD EDITORIAL, DETENTE'S SUMMER OF RECKONING NO TIME FOR A SUMMIT, SAYING IT WAS PRUDENT TO POSTPONE SUMMIT, ADDING IT WOULD ILL ERVE BREZHNEV TO SALT WOUNDS SUFFERED AS RESULT OF VIETNAM BY HIS PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON. STAR SAYS CURRENT ROUND OF SALT IS DRAGGING, CSCE HAS STALLED ON SOVIET LACK OF GIVE ON HUMAN ISSUES, HOPE FOR MBFR HAS DIMMED BECAUSE WESTERN PARTIES HAVE LOST FAITH IN SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO MAKE CONCESSIONS THAT ARE TRULY BALANCED AND EQUITABLE. THIS IS CRUCIAL PERIOD: BY LATE AUTUMN OR EARLY WINTER

SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE GOING TO BE EITHER MARKEDLY BETTER OR DISTINCTLY WORSE.

5C. NYPOST MAY 9 OPINED THAT US IS NOW IN BETTER POSITION THAN FOR YEARS TO FACE DEMANDS OF FOREIGN POLICY AND DOMESTIC DECLINE, ADDING BREZHNEV'S RECENT REMARKS ABOUT COOPERATION COULD BE VIEWED AS A SERIOUS INVITATION TO DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES IN MIDEAST AND ELSEWHERE. KISSINGER

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